

**House Study Bill 66 - Introduced**

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to a statewide welcome center program.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 15.271, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code  
2 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 e. A program shall be established to ~~plan, acquire, develop,~~  
4 ~~promote, operate, and~~ maintain a variety of welcome centers  
5 at strategic locations to meet the needs of travelers in the  
6 state. ~~The program is intended to be accomplished by 1992.~~

7 Sec. 2. Section 15.271, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph  
8 1, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

9 The primary goals of a statewide program for welcome centers  
10 are to provide travel-related services and tourism information  
11 to travelers ~~the following:~~

12 Sec. 3. Section 15.271, subsection 2, paragraphs a, b, and  
13 c, Code 2019, are amended by striking the paragraphs.

14 Sec. 4. Section 15.272, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2019,  
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 1. The state agencies, as indicated in ~~this section,~~  
17 authority shall undertake certain specific functions to  
18 implement the goals of a statewide program, including the pilot  
19 projects, for establish and administer a statewide welcome  
20 centers center program. The authority shall collaborate  
21 with other state agencies as necessary to coordinate the  
22 operation of such welcome centers and to provide information  
23 to travelers.

24 Sec. 5. Section 15.272, subsection 1, Code 2019, is amended  
25 by striking the subsection.

26 Sec. 6. Section 15.272, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph  
27 1, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

28 ~~The responsibilities of the authority include the following:~~  
29 shall operate, manage, and maintain all state-owned and  
30 state-operated welcome centers, including the provision of  
31 travel-related services, and the collection and distribution  
32 of tourism information.

33 Sec. 7. Section 15.272, subsection 2, paragraphs a, b, c, d,  
34 and e, Code 2019, are amended by striking the paragraphs.

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EXPLANATION

1           The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
2           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

3       This bill relates to the statewide welcome center program.  
4       The bill requires the economic development authority  
5 to establish and administer a statewide welcome center  
6 program and to operate, manage, and maintain all state-owned  
7 and state-operated welcome centers. The authority is to  
8 collaborate with other state agencies as necessary to operate  
9 the welcome centers and to provide information to travelers.  
10      Currently, there are detailed specific functions and  
11 responsibilities assigned to various state agencies in order to  
12 implement the general assembly's goals for a statewide welcome  
13 center program.